

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 251

By Johnson P

A RESOLUTION to honor Fredrick Elias “Eli” Hurt on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing boys and young men with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Fredrick Elias “Eli” Hurt, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure in scouting, Eli has demonstrated considerable ability and maturity as a role model among his peers; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 594 includes numerous Merit Badges and distinguished service in several leadership positions, including being elected to two successive six-month terms as Senior Patrol Leader and serving as an assistant staff member to the Boxwell Scout Reservation in Gallatin, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable young gentleman is a member of the Boy Scout fraternity the Order of the Arrow, a member of his troop’s five man patrol “Lightning,” and in June of 2009, he was elected by his fellow troop members to serve as Patrol Leader on the Philmont Expedition Team #724-N5 over eighty-five miles on the Cimarron trail near Taos, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Eli Hurt displays the greatest of athletic ability as the Senior Member of his troop’s Buffalo River Canoe Race Team, winning four consecutive seven mile race

championships at the Grimes Canoe Base annual race, with the fastest recorded time of sixty-seven minutes and twenty-two seconds; and

WHEREAS, for his Eagle project, Eli Hurt constructed a covered roof informational board near the entrance of Pegram City Park in his hometown of Pegram, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Eli's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurt's many impressive achievements, including this latest honor, are a source of great pride for his family, and his community; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career at Harpeth High School, Eli holds active memberships in the National Honor Society, the Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and is the starting left fielder for the Harpeth Indians Varsity Baseball team; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Eli Hurt as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Fredrick Elias "Eli" Hurt on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.